



MORTAL KOMBAT[®]

BATTLEWAVE



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TWO SETS OF
KOMBATANTS
HAVE SQUARED
OFF INSIDE THE
FALLING PLANE.

MINUTES
SEPARATE THEM
FROM A TRAGIC
DEATH AT SEA,
AND YET THEY
PREPARE TO DO
BATTLE WITH ONE
ANOTHER.

PREPARE
YOURSELF!

THEIR
CONFRONTATION
WILL BE AS
FURIOUS AS IT
IS SHORT-
LIVED.

AND BEFORE IT IS
OVER, IT COULD
GIVE A WHOLE
NEW MEANING TO
THE TERM.

DAYS OF THUNDER, NIGHTS OF PAIN

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**SMOKE
AND
JADE.**

WE ARE THE
EMISSARIES
OF DISASTER,
THE PROPHETS
OF DOOM.

AND NOW
AS SURELY
AS WE HAVE
SLAIN THE
POOR PILOTS
OF THIS
CRAFT...

...WE SHALL
DESTROY
YOU!

**JOHNNY
CASE
AND JAX.**

TOASTY!

I DON'T
GET IT. THE
PLANE'S GOING
DOWN REAL
FAST.

WE
DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR
THIS.

WELL, IF
WE'RE GOIN'
DOWN, I SAY
WE GO DOWN
FIGHTIN'!

YOUR END IS
ASSURED, BUT
JADE WOULD LIKE
THE
OPPORTUNITY...

...TO
DELIVER THE
DEATHBLOW
HERSELF.





YEAH, YOU'RE A REGULAR CLARK GABLE, JOHNNY.

NOW I'LL JUST REMIND HER BUDDY ABOUT THIS FIGHT'S NO-SMOKING POLICY.

YOU ARE BIG AND STRONG, MORTAL...

...BUT STRENGTH SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST SMOKE.

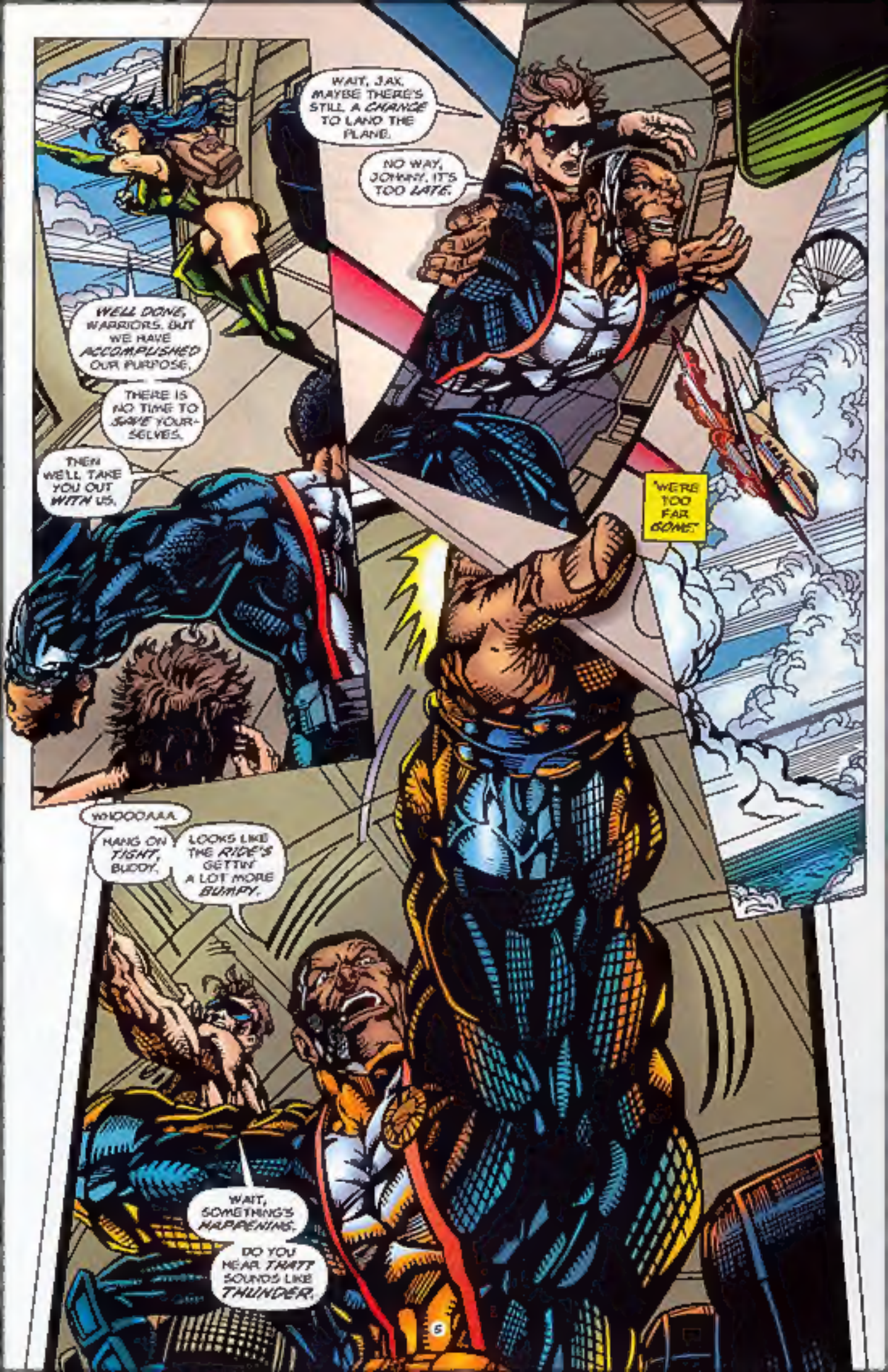
TO, JOHNNY! WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT MOVIE AGAIN?

FOR HOW CAN YOU STRIKE ONE YOU CANNOT TOUCH?

OH YEAH, I REMEMBER...

GONE WITH THE WIND.

Noooooooooooooooooooo



WAIT, JAX,
MAYBE THERE'S
STILL A CHANCE
TO LAND THE
PLANE.

NO WAY,
JOHNNY, IT'S
TOO LATE.

WELL DONE,
WARRIORS, BUT
WE HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED
OUR PURPOSE.

THERE IS
NO TIME TO
SAVE YOUR-
SELVES.

THEN
WE'LL TAKE
YOU OUT
WITH US.

WE'RE
TOO
FAR
GONE


WHOOAAA

HANG ON
TIGHT,
BUDDY.

LOOKS LIKE
THE RIDE'S
GETTIN'
A LOT MORE
BUMPY.

WAIT,
SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING.

DO YOU
HEAR THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
THUNDER.



FROM OUT OF
NOWHERE, A
VIOLENT STORM
CONSUMES THE
NOONTIME SKY.

AND A LONE FIGURE
SWEEPS DOWN,
OBVIOUS TO THE
TEMPEST'S RAGING
FURY.

HOLD FAST,
MORTALS.
RAYDEN
HAS YOU.


AND THE
**GOD OF
THUNDER**
SHALL NOT
FAIL.

THE EVENTS OF
THE PAST FEW DAYS
HAVE BEEN AARD
ON HIM, BUT THEY
HAVE NOT CHANGED
HIS COMMITMENT
TO PROTECTING
THIS REALM.

HE IS THE **STORM
WARRIOR**, AND HE
WILL CONTINUE
FIGHTING THE
FORCES OF EVIL TO
HIS FINAL BREATH.

EVEN IF IT ONE DAY
MEANS **GIVING UP**
HIS GOODHOOD.

*SEE THE THREE-ISSUE **RAYDEN AND KAND** MINI-SERIES FOR DETAILS.



HEY, RAYDEN.
NICE GATCH,
BROTHER.

FOR A MINUTE,
I THOUGHT WE
WEREN'T GONNA
BE IN THE
SEQUEL.

YOU HAVE
A ROLE YET
TO PLAY IN
THESE AFFAIRS,
JOHNNY
CAGE.

YOU
BOTH
DO.

SO WHERE WE
HEADIN NOW, THUNDER
GOD?

IS THERE ANY
DOUBT, JACKSON
BRIGGS?

WE ARE
RETURNING TO
OUTWORLD.

SOMEPLACE
HIGH AND COLD
AND VERY FAR
FROM
CIVILIZATION...

HANG IN
THERE, BO.
THE DOORWAY
IS NOT MUCH
FARTHER.


IT BETTER
BE. I'VE DONE
FOLLOWED
YOU TO THE
ENDS OF THE
EARTH.

THEN FOLLOW LU
KANG A FEW MORE
PAGES, MY FRIEND.

WE ARE
HERE.

THE SECRET
DOORWAY TO
OUTWORLD.





MAN, MAN,
I DON'T DO
HEIGHTS.

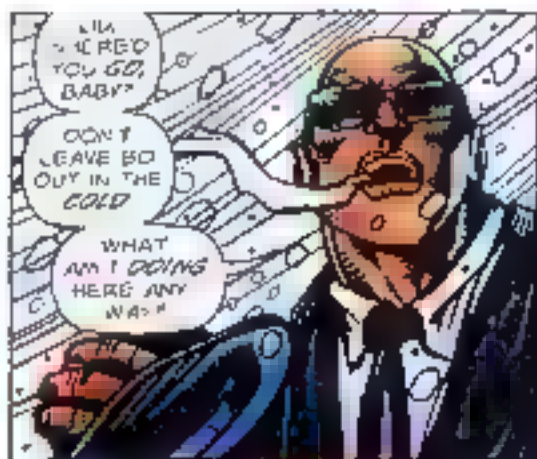
YOU HAVE
COME THIS FAR,
BO. DO NOT LOSE
HEART NOW.

BUT, IT'S
LIKE A
MILLION
FEET
DOWN,
MAN, NO
WAY...

I
UNDERSTAND,
DO WHAT YOU
MUST, BO.

EACH OF US
HAS HIS OWN
DESTINY.

AND
LIU KANG'S
DESTINY LIES IN
OUTWORLD.

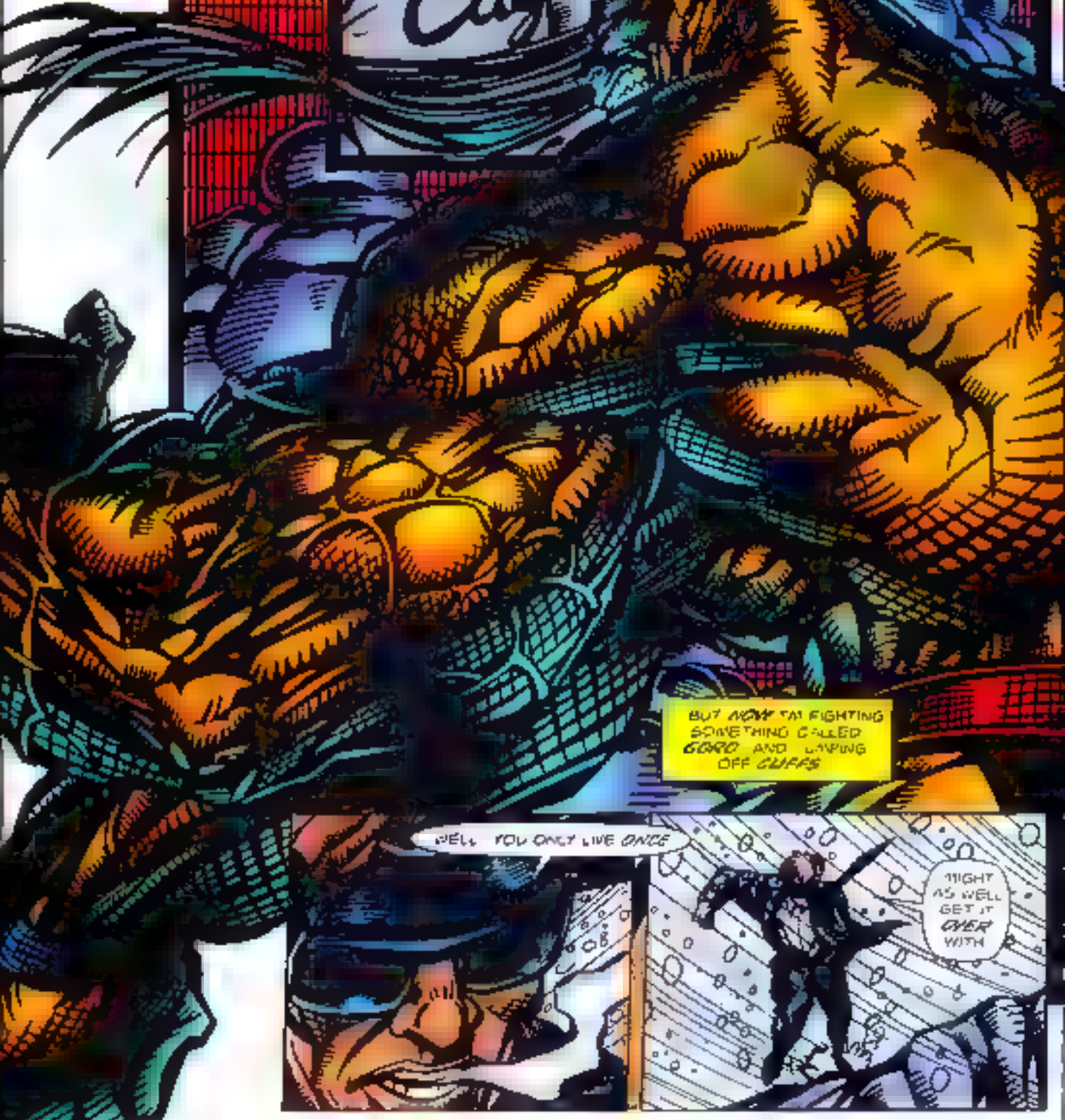
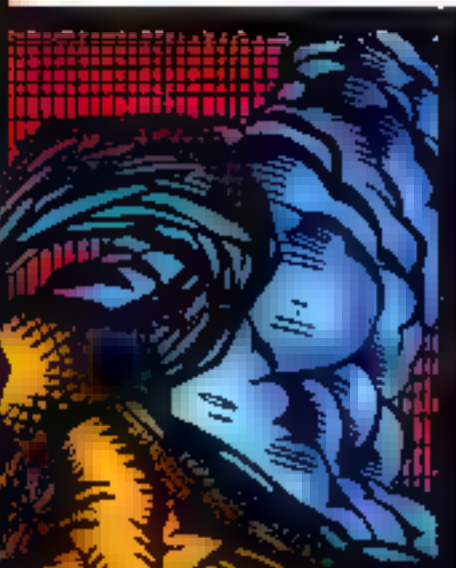


WILL
YOU GO,
BABY?

DON'T
LEAVE BO
OUT IN THE
COLD

WHAT
AM I DOING
HERE ANY
WAY?

BEING JOHNNY CAGE'S
PER ENAL BODYGUARD
IS ROUGH ENOUGH.



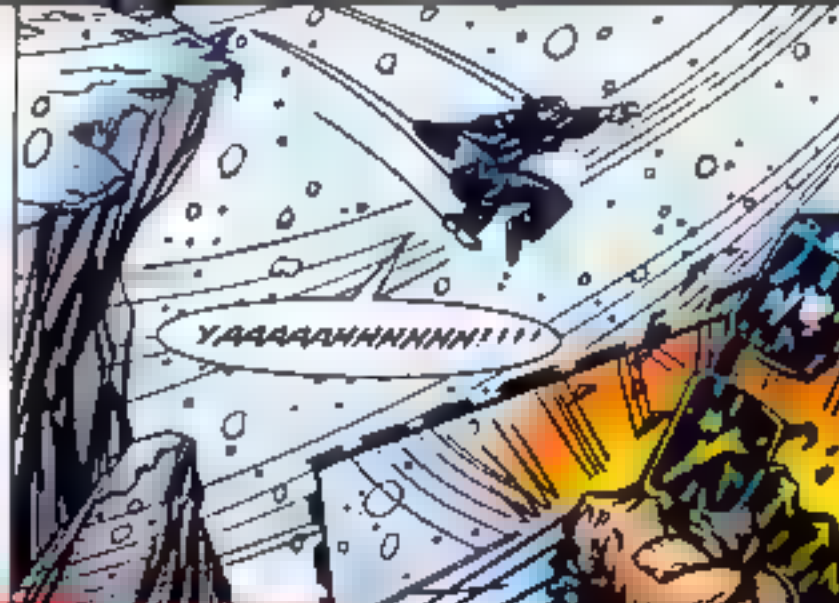
BUT NOW I'M FIGHTING
SOMETHING CALLED
GORD AND LAPPING
OFF CLIPS



WELL YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE



MIGHT
AS WELL
GET IT
OVER
WITH



YAAAAHHHHHHH!!!!

WHUUTTTT

JGGGGHHH

BUT YOU
HAVE FOUND
DANGER
INSTEAD

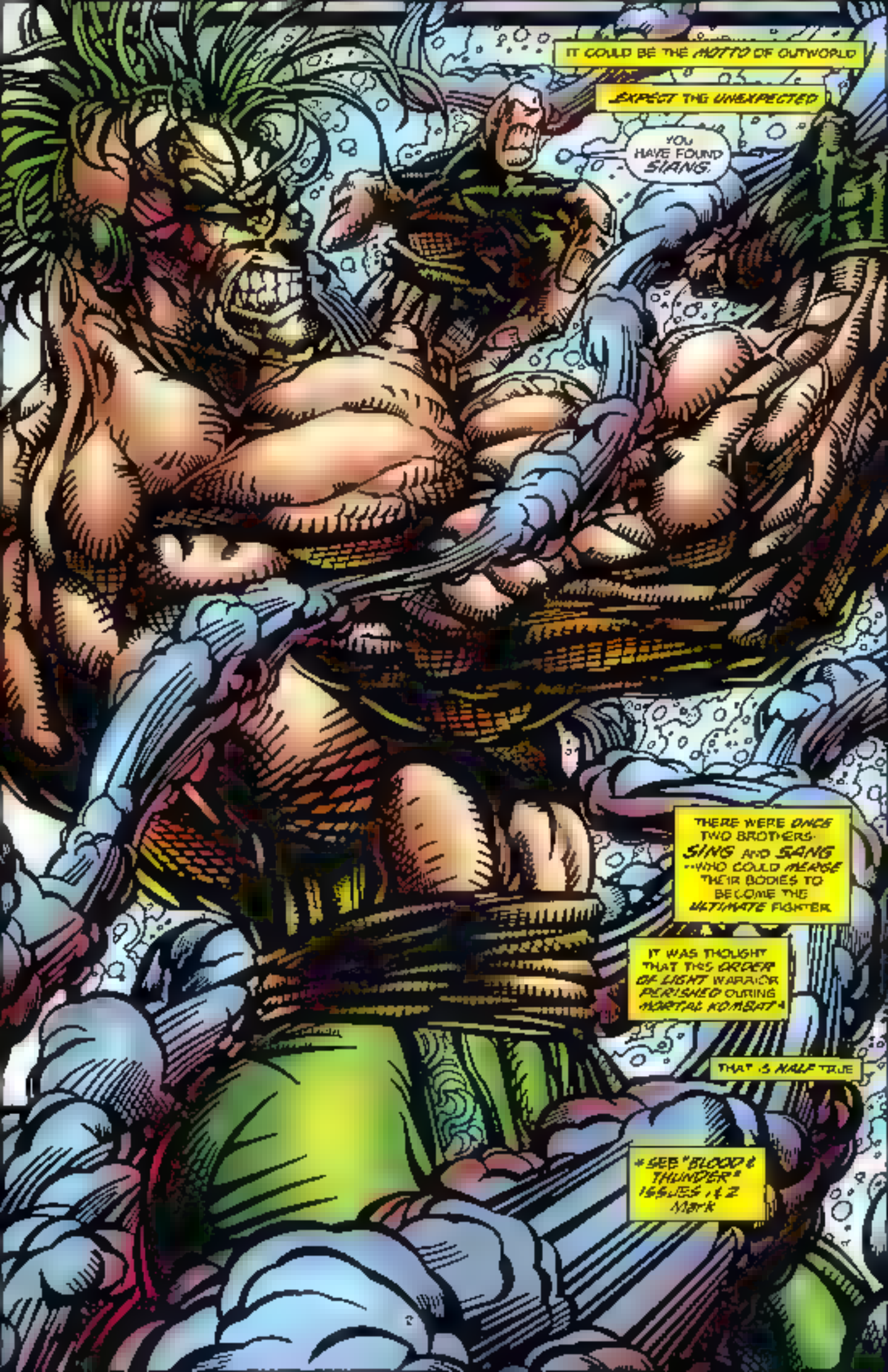
THWACK

SHHHHHH

YOU
HAVE FOUND
DEATH

WHOOOOOAAAAA
WHAT ARE YOU?





IT COULD BE THE MOTTO OF OUTWORLD

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

YOU
HAVE FOUND
SIANS.

THERE WERE ONCE
TWO BROTHERS:
SING AND SANG
WHO COULD MERGE
THEIR BODIES TO
BECOME THE
ULTIMATE FIGHTER.

IT WAS THOUGHT
THAT THE ORDER
OF LIGHT WARRIOR
PERISHED DURING
MORTAL COMBAT.

THAT IS HALF TRUE

*SEE "BLOOD &
THUNDER"
ISSUES 1 & 2
MARK

MEANWHILE, AT THE FORTRESS
OF THE DARK EMPEROR.

A GUEST ATTEMPTS TO
BREAK AWAY FROM HER
HOST'S "HOSPITALITY"

EASY
DOES IT,
SONYA.

YOU'VE USED
YOUR SPECIAL
FORCES
TRAINING TO
SIZE UP THE
SITUATION.

AND IT
DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD.

BE READY,
BECAUSE
THEY'RE OUT
THERE.

THEY'RE
WATCHING
YOU

THEY'RE
FOLLOWING
YOU



COME, REPTILE THE MORTAL HAS COME DOWN TO SEE US.

SSSHE MUSSST NOT BE CONTENT WITH HER SSPECIAL QUARTERSSSS

NO, MY ROOM'S FINE. IT'S THE COMPANY I DON'T ENJOY

ARRRRGGGGHH

YOU ARE A RUDE AND ILL-MANNERED GUEST, SONIA BLADE

PERHAPS MILEENA CAN TEACH YOU SOME MANNERS

YEAH, YOU TEACHING ETIQUETTE LESSONS.

THAT'S LIKE KANO RUNNING A CHARM SCHOOL

AYYYYYYYYYY.

SLICCE

JGGGGGGHHHHH

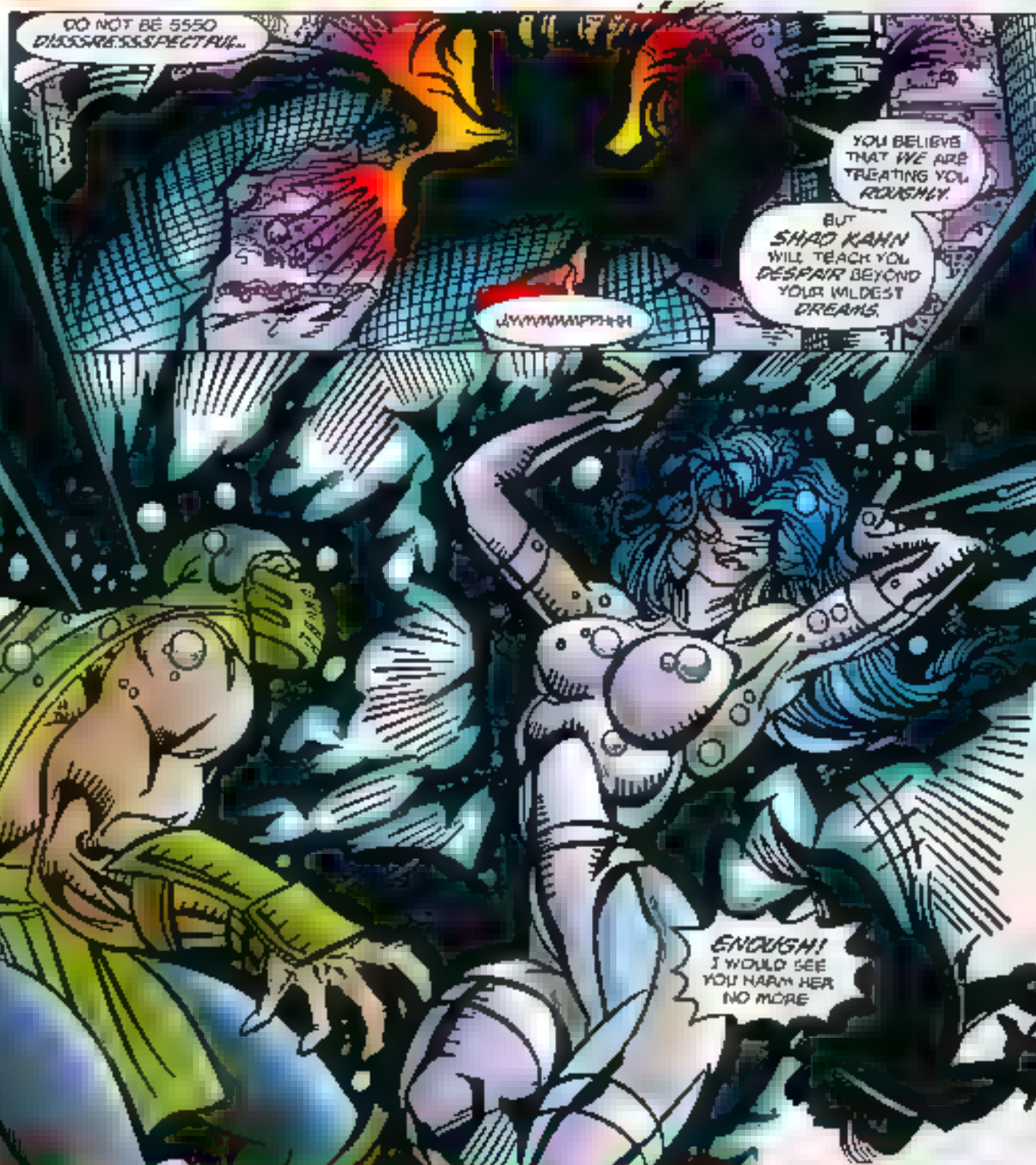
WHUUUMP



THISSS
MASSS GONE ON
LONG ENOUGH.

THE MASSSTER MASSS
PLANNSS FOR YOU,
HUMAN.

SOMEHOW, I
DON'T THINK I WANT TO BE PART
OF HIS PLANS, BELLY-CRAWLER.
NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE



DO NOT BE SSSO
DISSSRESPECTFUL..

YOU BELIEVE
THAT WE ARE
TREATING YOU
ROUGHLY.

BUT
SHAO KAHN
WILL TEACH YOU
DESPAIR BEYOND
YOUR WILDEST
DREAMS.

WAAAAAAAAAAAAH

ENOUGH!
I WOULD SEE
YOU HARM HER
NO MORE



NO!
WHATEVER
IT IS, I DON'T
WANT ANY PART
OF IT!

I HAVE MADE
NO PROPOSITION
TO YOU YET, SONYA
BLADE, BUT NOW
I WILL...



THE
FUTURE
OF THE
WORLD

THE
FUTURE
OF THE
WORLD

THE
FUTURE
OF THE
WORLD

JOIN

TO BE
CONTINUED!

ALL HIS LIFE, HE
HAS HEARD STORIES
OF THE MIGHTY GORD.

TODAY HE WILL
PUT THE TALES
TO THE TEST.

COME,
MY FRIEND,
KINTARO IS
WAITING.

WAITING TO
DESTROY
YOU.

HIS LIMBS ARE
STRONG, HIS MIND
IS SHARP AND THE
DAY IS YOUNG.


THE STAGE IS SET
FOR CONFLICT.

THE DAY IS
RIFE FOR
CHAOS.

WHEN TITANS KLASH

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FINALLY!
I FEARED MY
WAITING WAS
FOR NAUGHT.

BUT IT
APPEARS THAT
KING GORBAX'S
SECRET DOOR-
WAY OPENS ONCE
MORE

AND THERE
IS ONLY ONE
WHO KNOWS
OF T BESIDES
THE KING AND
I



"SOME
BELIEVED YOU
LOST AFTER
MORTAL
COMBAT
MY PRINCE."

"BUT
KONTARO DID
NOT BELIEVE
SUCH FOLLY."

THERE IS
NO FORCE THAT
COULD DESTROY
THE PRINCE OF
PAIN.

UNLESS
IT WAS THE
SCOURGE OF
OUTWORLD.

IT IS SAID THAT THESE
DOORWAYS ARE
UNSTABLE, THAT
THEY REPRESENT GRAVE
DANGER TO THOSE WHO
ATTEMPT TO PASS
THROUGH THEM.

BUT THE STRANGER
DOES NOT HESITATE AS
HE ENTERS, HOT, STALE
AIR ACCOMPANIES HIM,
AS WELL AS THE ECHO
OF HEAVY FOOTSTEPS.

IT IS BUT A
SHORT JOURNEY
BETWEEN EARTH
AND
OUTWORLD.

...AND AN
EVEN SHORTER
ONE BETWEEN
THIS WORLD
AND THE
AFTERLIFE.

ALLOW
KINTARO TO
USHER YOU
THROUGH
THE DOOR-
WAY TO
OBLIVION.

UGGGGHHH


WHUUUMPH

KRAAKK

IT IS A MOST
UNFITTING
WELCOME I
HAVE RECEIVED
UPON THE
RETURN TO
MY HOME-
LAND.

BUT I WOULD
EXPECT NO
MORE FROM
THE STODGE
OF
OUTWORLD.

YAAAAARRRRGGGGGHHHHH



FOR COUNTLESS
AGES, HE WAS
THE UNDISPUTED
MASTER OF
**MORTAL
KOMBAT.**

THAT TITLE IS HIS
NO MORE, BUT
DO NOT MAKE
THE MISTAKE
OF BELIEVING
THAT HE IS LESS
NOW THAN HE
WAS BEFORE.

THE PRINCE
OF PAIN HAD
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS IN
THE EARTH
REALM.

HE NEEDED
TIME TO SERVE
THE EMPEROR
IN HIS OWN WAY,
BUT NOW...

NOW
GORO
IS BACK TO
STAY.

IF ANYTHING, HE IS
NOW MORE CUNNING,
MORE MALICIOUS,
MORE DANGEROUS.

NOW GORO HAS SOME-
THING TO PROVE.

IT HAS
BEEN MANY
YEARS SINCE
WE LAST
WERE
TOGETHER.

I SEE
THAT YOUR
ENVY HAS
GROWN ALONG
WITH YOUR
STATURE.

THUD!!!

NOOOO...
AHHH...YHHHH!

I MERELY...
MERELY
WANTED TO
SHOW MY
WORTH.

SHOW
MY WORTH
TO THE
EMPEROR.

I RESPECT
YOUR AMBITION,
KINTARO...

...IF NOT
YOUR COMMON
SENSE.

COME, LET
US PUT THIS
INCIDENT
BEHIND US.

WE ARE
BOTH WORTHY
SERVANTS OF
SHAO KAHN,
EACH IN HIS
OWN WAY.



OUR KIND
MUST STICK
TOGETHER,
MY FRIEND.

NOW THAT
GORO HAS
RETURNED TO
OUTWORLD.

I SUSPECT
THAT
PANDEMONIUM
SHALL NOT BE
FAR BEHIND.

NEXT **THE KILLING FIELDS**